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WEATHER INFORMATION.

Last Night's Readings.
The area of high pressure is central over
the lake region tonight, with the highest bar-
ometer readings—30.20 inches—at St. Paul,
St. Louis and Kansas City. The area of low
pressure overlies the South Atlantic States,
the lowest reading—29.32 inches—at Jackson-
ville. Generally fair weather conditions pre-
vail throughout the territory reporting to-
night. No rainfall greater than trace was re-
ported.

General Observations.
Observations taken by the United States
weather bureau at 8 p. m., seventy-fifth me-
ridian time:

	Temp.	Rain.	Wind.
Jacksonville, Fla.	66	0.00	0.00
Atlanta, Ga.	44	0.00	0.00
Montgomery, Ala.	50	0.00	0.00
Vicksburg, Miss.	60	0.00	0.00
New Orleans, La.	70	0.00	0.00
Galveston, Texas	68	0.00	0.00
Corpus Christi, Texas	64	0.00	0.00
Memphis, Tenn.	50	0.00	0.00
Nashville, Tenn.	36	0.00	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	32	0.00	0.00
Davenport, Iowa	36	0.00	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	36	0.00	0.00
Kansas City, Mo.	35	0.00	0.00
Omaha, Neb.	30	0.00	0.00
North Platte, Neb.	24	0.00	0.00
Dodge City, Kan.	41	0.00	0.00
Amarillo, Texas	30	0.00	0.00
Oklahoma, O. T.	32	0.00	0.00
Abilene, Texas	58	0.00	0.00
El Paso, Texas	68	0.00	0.00

Today's Probabilities.
Washington, February 15.—Eastern Texas—
Generally fair; variable winds.
Western Texas—Fair; variable winds.
Arkansas—Fair; not so warm; northwest
winds.
South Dakota—Light snows; warmer; south-
east winds.
Nebraska—Increasing cloudiness; light snow
in northeast portion; southerly winds.
Kansas—Fair; southerly winds.
Colorado and Wyoming—Threatening weather,
with light rain in extreme northern por-
tion; warmer in northern portion; south-
westerly winds.
Montana—Snow or rain; colder in southern
portion; warmer in northern portion; south-
westerly winds.

SANTA ANNA'S SWORD.
Texas Daughters of the Republic
Trying to Get the Relic.
Cincinnati, Ohio, February 15.—A letter
addressed to the mayor has been received
at the city hall from an organization called
the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
asking that this city turn over to its
care the sword surrendered to General
Houston by Santa Anna on the field of
San Jacinto, which was presented to Cin-
cinnati many years ago. The gift was
made as a token of the appreciation of the
action of this city in sending two cannon
to Texas for use in the war between the
then Lone Star Republic and Mexico. That
was sixty-five years ago.

The sword is now in the Cincinnati
museum. In the communication it is stated
that the object of the society is to collect
relics of the war between Texas and
Mexico, and it is particularly anxious to
get the sword. The letter will not be an-
swered until the return of Mayor Telfer
from West Baden, which will be some time
next week.

Miss Willard Very Ill.
New York, February 15.—Miss Frances
E. Willard, president of the Woman's
Christian Temperance Union, has been seri-
ously ill in this city for the last three
weeks. She is suffering from a severe at-
tack of grip.

WASHINGTON NOTES.
Washington, February 15.—(Special.)—
Only fourth-class Texas premarster ap-
peared today was James P. Brown of
Coke county.

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CONGRESS TO SPEAK.

Members Can Not Be Suppressed
Very Much Longer.

ARE VERY HARD TO HANDLE NOW.

Some Horrible Disclosures Are Yet
to Be Made.

IT IS ALL IN CORRESPONDENCE

And the President Has Been Called
On to Send This In to the
Two Houses.

Washington, February 15.—In both
branches of congress the possibilities of an
eruption on Cuban affairs are tremendous.
So far the request of the chief executive
and the members of the respective foreign
committees has been sufficient since the
publication of the De Lome letter to pre-
vent disorder. The house also has called
for information in possession of the secre-
tary of state. It wants to know concerning
the present condition of the reconcentrados
in Cuba; what zones are in cultivation,
what steps have been taken by the Span-
ish government to feed the starving Cubans,
whether military protection has been given
to the cane graders, what progress has
been made in Spain's effort for the
establishment of autonomy. The state de-
partment is directed to send copies of all
reports from consuls, vice consuls and
commercial agents of the United States in
Cuba concerning conditions on the island
since the advent of General Blanco.

In the senate resolution and in that of
the house the executive branch of the gov-
ernment is permitted to exercise its dis-
cretion in transmitting the reports called
for. The phrase "if not incompatible with
the public interests" is incorporated in each.

The simultaneous action of the senate and
house is not a coincidence or an accident.
Both bodies have relieved themselves of a
lot of suppressed and dangerous material,
and it is now up to the president to make
any statement to the country he sees fit.
If he should choose to send a message it
can be written in the transmission of the
replies to the senate and house resolutions
respectively or to both. It is probable the
executive will avail himself of this oppor-
tunity to give the administration's views
on existing conditions.

Spain's disclaimer and apology not hav-
ing been received, congress will be hard
to handle. It will take all the persuasion
and authority of Speaker Reed and the
leaders of the senate to prevent some dem-
onstration of disapproval. This feeling is
so strong that the president was apprised
of it. After the De Lome incident in closed
administration will have to consider
how much it will make public. Members
of the foreign relations committee, who
have read the Cuban reports, are con-
vinced Spain's treachery and deceit in
her negotiations with the United States
government at Washington are, it is said,
as nothing to the revelations which the
consular correspondence gives of a rapacity
and cruelty in Cuba which has no parallel
in the history of civilized nations. Ex-
terminations has been the policy of Spain
toward Cuba. Weyler's horrible methods
have blotted out the lives of hundreds of
thousands.

CABINET IGNORED SPAIN.

Washington, February 15.—Contrary to
common expectations the cabinet meeting
today did not discuss the De Lome letter
in any aspect. The attendance was small
and there was little business transacted.
Secretary Sherman, who is one of the most
regular attendants, was reported to be
confined to his room by a cold; Secretary
Alger is at Fort Monroe convalescing from
his severe illness; Secretary Bliss is in
New York and Secretary Clegg is in Wash-
ington. While there was no discussion of
the relations with Spain, the members of
the cabinet, one and all, are officially sat-
isfied with the situation and expect that
advice any moment from Madrid may
bring about the ending of the episode in a
manner satisfactory to the United States
and Spain.

NEW JUDGESHIP.

**Mr. Meek Has Not Yet Been Ap-
pointed.**

Washington, February 15.—(Special.)—
The president did not appoint Mr. Meek to
the new Texas judgeship today. This is
significant for one reason: the longer the
case is held up the smaller Meek's chances
are to get the place grow, while the other
candidate's chances are correspondingly
improving.

Waller Burns is here and is making
many friends in high places and strength-
ening his fences all along the line.

A COMFORTABLE BERTH.

**The Vizcaya to Be Anchored Over a
Submarine Mine.**

St. Louis Republic Special.
New York, February 12.—As the time
for the arrival of the Spanish warship Vi-
zcaya approaches, New Yorkers are begin-
ning to canvass the possibilities. It is
generally recognized that in case of trouble
the Vizcaya, once inside the fortifica-
tions, could do a great amount of damage to
property, unless engaged at once by an
American warship. With 3,000,000 people
and hundreds of square miles of buildings
to protect, the Spaniard could destroy
\$250,000,000 worth of property in a short
time. Buildings would be ruined and a
general panic would ensue. Grant's tomb,
the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn bridge
and the score or more of handsome build-
ings that tower to the sky in the lower
part of the city would be easy marks for
the Spanish guns.

On the other hand, it is probable that the
New Yorkers are giving themselves needless
concern. When the Vizcaya comes to
New York she will have to obey the in-
structions of the harbor master in coming
to anchor, and a nice place has been picked
out for the visitor in the Hudson river,
where she will be perfectly safe. This is
opposite One Hundred and Tenth street,
and there is enough dynamite and glycerine
buried in the river at this point to blow
the Spaniard to kingdom come at the
first sign of aggression. The mine is
connected by wire with the mainland.

A similar mine, it is understood, has been
laid in the lower bay, off Stapleton, and
the harbor master will give the Vizcaya
the choice of these anchorages if she comes
to this port unaccompanied by the Brook-
lyn or some other American warship.

CRUISER MAINE BLOWN UP.

American Warship Totally Destroyed in
the Harbor of Havana.

MANY AMERICAN SEAMEN KILLED OR WOUNDED

It Is Believed that More Than a Hundred of the Crew
Perished in the Awful Disaster.

THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHILE THE SAILORS SLEPT.

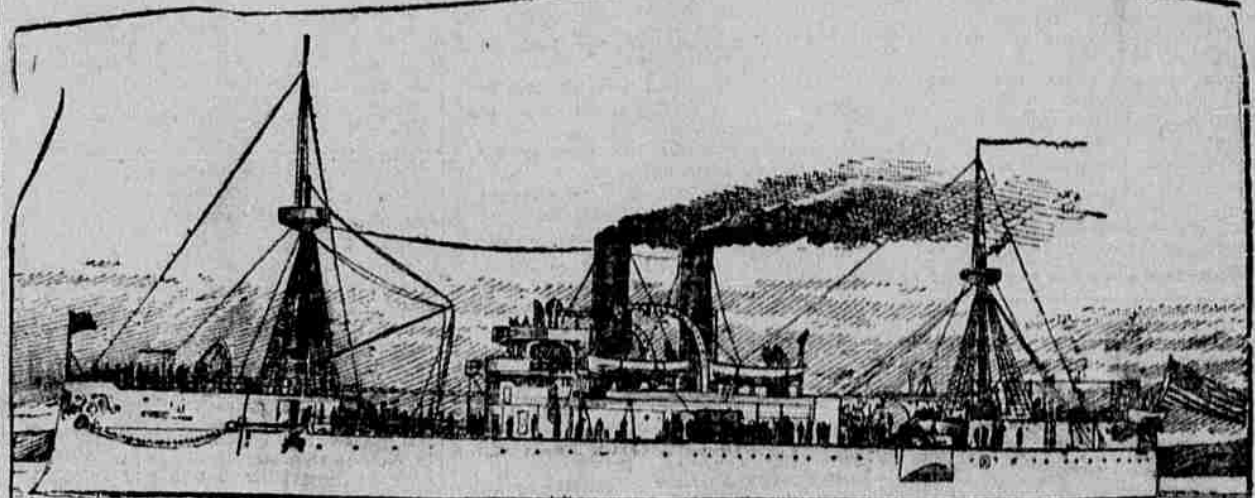
Sigsbee Says Representatives of Blanco Are With Him and Requests that
Public Opinion Be Suspended Until Further and Fuller
Reports Have Been Received.

Havana, February 15.—At a quarter of 10 o'clock this evening a terrible explosion took place on board
the United States Cruiser Maine in Havana harbor. Many were killed or wounded. All the boats of the
Spanish Cruiser Alfonso XIII are assisting.

As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded soldiers and sailors of the Maine are
unable to explain it. It is believed the cruiser is totally destroyed.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses.

The correspondent of the Associated Press says he has conversed with several wounded sailors and under-
stands from them that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so that they can give no particulars as
to the cause.



The Maine is a battleship of the second
class and is regarded as one of the best
ships of the navy. She was built at
the Brooklyn navy yard and is 315 feet
long, 37 feet broad, 21.6 mean draught and
6,632 tons displacement. She carries four
10-inch and six 6-inch breech-loading
guns in her main battery and seven 6-
pound and eight 1-pound rapid firing guns
and four 4-inch guns in her secondary
battery and four whitehead torpedoes.

The officers of the Maine, besides Com-
mander Sigsbee, are: Lieutenant Com-
mander Richard W. Hildreth, Lieutenant
George F. W. W. Holman, Lieutenant H.
John Hood, Lieutenant Carl W. Ungen,
Lieutenants (junior grade) George P.
Blow, John T. Blandin, S. W. Jenkins;
Naval Cadets Jonas H. Holden, Watt T.
Claverie, M. M. Bronson, David F. Boyd,
Jr., Surgeon Lucien B. Henberger, Pay-
master Charles W. Littlefield, Chief Engi-
neer Charles P. Powell, Passed Assistant
Engineer Fred C. Bowers, Assistant Engi-
neers F. R. Morris and Darwin E. Mer-
ritt, Naval Cadets (engineer division) Fogg
Washington, Arthur Greenhaw, Chaplain
John P. Chadwick, First Lieutenant of
Marines Albertus W. Catlin, Boatswain
Francis B. Larkin, Gunner Joseph Hill,
Carpenter George W. Helms.
The commander of the Maine, Captain
Sigsbee, is a favorite in the navy depart-
ment. For four years he was chief of the
hydrographic office and by his energy
brought the office up to a high standard.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SIGSBEE.

Washington, Feb-
ruary 15.—The secre-
tary of the navy re-
ceived the following
telegram from Cap-
tain Sigsbee: "Maine
blown up in Havana
harbor at 9:40 and
destroyed. Many are
wounded and doubt-
less more killed and
drowned. Wounded
and others on board
Spanish men-of-war
and Ward line steam-
ers. Send lighthouse
tenders from Key
West for crew. Few
pieces of equipment
still above water. No
one has other clothes
than those on him.
Public opinion should
be suspended until
further reports. All
officers believed to be
saved. Jenkins and
Merritt not yet ac-
counted for. Many
Spanish officers, in-
cluding representa-
tives of Blanco, now

with me and express
sympathy.
"Sigsbee."

Officers referred to
in the above dispatch
are: Lieutenant F.
W. Jenkins and As-
sistant Engineer Lar-
rie R. Merritt.

From the wording
of the dispatch the
navy department of-
ficials (think it is pos-
sible that they were
on shore at the time
of the accident).

The secretary of
the navy received
another dispatch
from Key West at
the same time with
the above, but its
contents were not
made public.

The orders for the
lighthouse tenders
were at once sent to
Key West in plain
language, thus avoid-
ing the delay that
would have arisen
from the use of cipher.

Sigsbee and the other officers have
been saved. It is estimated that
over 100 of the crew were killed, but
it is impossible as yet to give exact
details.

Admiral Manterola has ordered
that boats of all kinds should go to
the assistance of the Maine and her
wounded. The Havana firemen are
giving aid, tending carefully to the

wounded as they are brought on
shore. It is a terrible sight.
General Solano and the other gen-
erals have been ordered by Captain
General Blanco to take steps to help
the Maine's crew in every way pos-
sible.

The correspondent of the Asso-
ciated Press has been near the
(Continued on Fourth Page.)

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THEY PREFER A WAR

The Spanish Populace Stirred Over
Apology for De Lome.

THEY MAY MAKE A DEMONSTRATION

As They Think Spain Would Gain by
Hostilities.

APOLOGY HAS BEEN RECEIVED

It Is Said, but There Is No Clear
Authority for that State-
ment.

London, February 15.—A special from
Madrid says the populace of that city is
greatly enraged owing to the belief that
the Spanish cabinet apologized to the
United States. The populace, the dis-
patch adds, is bitterly opposed to such a
course and exceedingly hostile to the gov-
ernment and may make a demonstration.
In conclusion the dispatch says: The peo-
ple prefer war to an apology, thinking
Spain will suffer less thereby, as war
would be decidedly disastrous to the large
commerce of the United States.

AN APOLOGY RECEIVED.

Washington, February 15.—At midnight
last night it was announced at the execu-
tive mansion that Spain had made a satis-
factory apology for the utterances of
Senor De Lome. This information, it was
stated, has been brought to the president
by Assistant Secretary Day, Judge Day
subsequently denied that he had received
any advice from Minister Woodford or
had conversed with the character
indicated to the president.

He declared the only new information
he had in his possession was press bulle-
tins from Madrid that the cabinet at its
meeting had decided to make the dis-
avowal requested by the United States. It
is believed that a misunderstanding has
arisen as to the authority for the infor-
mation furnished the president by Judge Day,
it having been regarded as based on com-
munications from General Woodford, in-
stead of press dispatches. The curious co-
incidence of the announcement and denial
are accounted for in no other way.

DE LOME REPUDIATED.

New York, February 15.—In conver-
sation with a Madrid correspondent of the
Herald last night, one of the cabinet min-
isters said:

"You may openly say, as coming from
Senor Sagasta and from each of us, that
we entirely condemn, in the most absolute
manner, Senor De Lome's letter. We are
ashamed, grieved and sorry thereat. The
ministers feel more aggrieved than Presi-
dent McKinley can possibly be. We are
honest men, who have been placed in a
false position by a fool."

In reply to further questions, the min-
ister says: "Carrizosa's journey was ab-
solutely private and in no way possible
did we trust or use him."

The Washington correspondent of the
Herald says that the announcement from
Madrid that the Spanish ministry has de-
cided to reply in a fitting manner to Min-
ister Woodford's representations in regard
to the De Lome letter is highly satisfactory
to the officials. No one is more pleased
over the matter than the president him-
self. He has never doubted from the very
first that Spain would repudiate the action
of its minister. His only concern has been
that the delay in closing the incident
might lead to some outbreak in congress
which would cause embarrassment to the
administration before the Spanish govern-
ment had had an opportunity to make a
satisfactory response.

Hopes to Escape Apology.

London, February 15.—The Madrid cor-
respondent of the Times says: In the of-
ficial acceptance of Senor Dupuy de Lome's
resignation the usual complimentary phrase
appreciative of his services will be omit-
ted. In this manner Spain hopes to satisfy
the United States and to end the question.

NO APOLOGY YET.

Washington, February 15.—Up to a late
hour tonight the state department had no
additional word from Minister Woodford.
As matters stand, the only further action
to be expected from Spain is a disavowal
of the sentiments expressed by De Lome con-
cerning President McKinley, but this will
come as a voluntary concession. More defi-
nite announcement than this has or has
not been made in the ordinary course of
events is the next news expected.

Deed Executed on Sunday Void.

St. Louis, February 15.—The appeal of
Hill, Fontaine & Co. of St. Louis from the
decision of the United States circuit court
in the suit against Henry C. and Laura
Hite to foreclose a deed of trust, has re-
sulted in an affirmative judgment in favor
of the defendants in the court of appeals.
The court holding that the deed was void
because executed on Sunday.

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